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SUBSTANTIALLY UNINTERRUPTED  
CONNECTION OF THE PERIPHERAL  
WALL PORTIONS OF TWO  
ADJACENT TUBULAR SEGMENTS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.